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SUBJECT: LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER ON NAVY FUEL NEEDS

REF A. MADRID 7680; B. MADRID 22

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF OF AMBASSADOR'S LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER OF DEC 27 (REF A.) REGARDING NAVY FUEL SUPPLIES, SPANISH DIPLOMATIC SECRETARY OF JOINT COMMITTEE (PERINAT) COMMENTED THAT PROBLEM DISCUSSED IN LETTER WAS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ONE THAT HAD REPRESENTED DIFFICULT DECISION FOR SPAIN AND THAT HE HOPED USG WOULD BE "UNDERSTANDING".

2. HE RESTATED POSITION OUTLINED IN PERMANENT SECRETARIAT NOTE OF DEC 26 (REF B) TO EFFECT THAT GOS, BY AUTHORIZING USE OF SPANISH-ORIGIN FUELS FOR US SHIPS RUNS RISK OF LOSING ARAB OIL, SITUATION WHICH OF COURSE SPAIN COULD NOT TOLERATE AND WHICH CERTAINLY WOULD NOT
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BE IN US INTEREST. HE ADDED THAT, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS

MFA REPLIES TO AMBASSADOR'S DEC 27 LETTER, US SHOULD CONSIDER
PERMANENT SECRETARIAT NOTE AS STATEMENT OF CURRENT GOS
POLICY ON REFUELING US WARSHIPS.

3. PERINAT CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT IN VIEW OF GREAT
IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE HE HAD BRIEFED FOREIGN MINISTER
ON IT SOON AFTER LATTER TOOK OFFICE. AS RESULT, FOREIGN
MINISTER CORTINA HAS REQUESTED AMBASSADOR TO SEE HIM JAN 15
TO DISCUSS FUEL QUESTIONS. SINCE AMBASSADOR STILL CONVALESCING,
HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT APPOINTMENT OF SUGGESTED
DATE BUT WILL PLAN TO SEE FORIEGN MINISTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
THEREAFTER. SO THAT AMBASSADOR WILL BE FULLY PREPARED WHEN HE
DOES SEE FONMIN, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE
TO GOS POSITION SET FORTH IN REF B.
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